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If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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T. S. McNEEL,

Sweet Flowers
The wedding flowers are withered,
Their beauty all is gone—
The pure white bridal roses,
We loved to look upon.

Green ferns and rich carnations,
With fragrance wondrous sweet;
How well ye graced that evening,
Of joyousness complete.

Kind words and loving wishes,
Like birds, they flew around
With song's returning echoes—
A rippling, silvery sound.

O wedding flowers, once lovely,
I'm loth to cast away;
So wistful, so pathetic,
What is it you would say?

A lesson to us mortals? Yes.
How transient, earthly things—
And tho' we may not see it,
That each and all have wings.

Take life's dear blessings meekly,
Direct from God's good hand,
And softly walk before Him,
In a transitory land.

A. L. P.
Marlinton, Aug., 1904.

A Marathon Race.

One of the features of the St. Louis Exposition was a Marathon race of twenty-five miles. The course lay over open country roads. Thirty-one entered, including Greeks and Kaffirs and other nationalities but the race was won by Thomas J. Hicks of Cambridge, Mass. The time was 3 hours, 28 minutes and 53 seconds.

It is stated that this is the third race of its kind and the first to be run in America. This is not the case. Not only was such a race run in Pocahontas county in 1898 but it was over a rougher course and the winner made better time than the St. Louis race by no less than thirty minutes. The race was over Elk and Middle Mountains twenty-five miles over a rough country road and the time 2 hours and 59 minutes.

The race was arranged at the time when the athletic contests were at their height between Mingo and Marlinton. The winner was an Englishman by the name of S. E. Lo Raine Grews. He had trained for the event on the race track at Mingo for days. In the race the first twelve miles were covered in an hour and 15 minutes.

Mr. Grews died very suddenly about a month after his race of heart disease and many thought that his exertion on the occasion was the cause of his death.

General News.

Dr. Herran, who represented the United States of Columbia at Washington a number of years and up to the time of the Panama incident, is dead. He alone of the many South American diplomats enjoyed the distinction of intimate friendship with officials at Washington and was one of the few members of the diplomatic corps whom Secretary Hay received regularly in his private office. Educated in the United States, at one time he represented our country as consular agent in a city of his own native country.

Upon investigation by certain leading papers of Philadelphia it has been learned that the \$15,000 appropriated by the legislature of Pennsylvania for an agricultural exhibit of that State at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition little more than \$500 was spent on the exhibit and this went to pay for agricultural products raised in Missouri. This was done in order to save the cost of carriage, we presume. The remainder of the room allotted to the exhibit was sold to the manufacturers of breakfast foods and other proprietary products. The intention of the promoters of the exhibit was to give particular attention to the individual exhibits of the agriculturists, but they counted not on the still small hand of the grafter in their reckoning.

A sportsman in an adjoining county was fined \$25 for killing squirrels out of season last week. The season for killing squirrels does not open until Sept. 15th, and it continues until Jan. 1st, although land owners may kill squirrels, we believe, on their own land at any time, and like-wise rabbits. You can kill deer, grouse, prairie chickens, pheasants and turkey from October 15 to December 15th; brant, ducks and geese from Oct. 1 to April 1; hare rabbit and squirrel from Sept. 15 to Jan. 1; quail from Nov. 1 to Dec. 20; snipe March 1 to July 1. Trout January 1 to September 1; bass, June 15 to April 15.

DUNCAN LANE.

A WAR TIME INCIDENT

Which Occurred on Stony Creek,
October 1861.

Among the incidents of the war between the States one of the most likely to be remembered by Pocahontas people was that which occurred at Duncan's Lane, now better known as West Union, head of Stony Creek, the last Monday morning of October 1861.

From information communicated by William Gay, near Hamlin Chapel, and Charles L. Moore, Brown's Creek, I compile the following sketch of this notable skirmish between Pocahontas citizens and neighbors. Gay was an Unionist and Moore a Confederate.

Colonel Samuel Young, eldest son of the late Capt. Wm. Young, of Stony Creek, appeared in the vicinity of Edray in command of detachment of West Virginia Union scouts. It appears that he was advised by the residents that one of the best things he could do would be to raid Herold's distillery on Donahard's Creek, four or five miles east of Huntersville, and retire by way of Back Alleyghany if attacked by the Confederates.

Upon coming to the bridge at Marlinton and seeing a Confederate scout galloping up the bottom, Col. Young thinking that his presence being unknown, concluded it would be best not to attempt the raid in view, but withdraw by way of Kee's hickory to the head of Dry Branch of Swago and thence have facilities for falling back to Williams River and retreat by way of Webster county if forced to do so by overwhelming odds.

In the meantime Capt. Joseph C. Gay, who had been instructed to scout upon Pocahontas, heard that the Unionists were expected on Swago where Daniel Kellison and Peter Beverage were preparing beef for their use. He rallied about twenty men at Verdant Valley, now Harter. C. L. Moore, a member of the 31st Va. being at home on furlough, volunteered as one of the scouting party.

The party was on the move early Sunday morning, came down the Greenbrier river by Marlinton, along the public road to Kee's, thence across by the Joe Buckley place to Daniel Kellison's.

By dinner time Gay's party reached Kellison's and took a Sunday dinner with that hospitable citizen as Gay had proposed to his men upon leaving Verdant Valley.

While Capt. Gay and his party were taking dinner and were enjoying their restful smoke at Kellison's Col. Young was at the bridge as mentioned previously.

Capt. Gay concluded to spend the night in the Levels and then return to take breakfast with Peter Beverage early Monday morning. This worthy citizen lived some miles farther up the Swago Dry Branch.

So after their much enjoyed Sunday dinner Gay's party went on to the Levels where they disbanded and found lodging with different families near Mill Point.

Monday morning Gay's men assembled before day, as agreed upon so as to be in time for breakfast at Peter Beverage's, retracing the way to Kellison's and going up Swago towards Beverage's. Upon coming in sight of the house a Union picket was noticed and the party halted for consultation. Whereupon it was decided not to advance until something could be ascertained of the strength of the Unionists.

When ready for action Capt. Gay instructed C. L. Moore with twelve men to charge the dwelling while Capt. Gay with the remainder would wait on the flanks to intercept any that might run from the house.

In the meantime by some wireless means the Unionists had learned something and vacated the premises and so when Moore reached the house none were in sight. Moore was emphatically assured by the "women folks" that "not a Yankee had been around" for they would "know better than to come about where they lived."

With all their respect for the ladies, however, the scouts in gray were a little incredulous and after some searching a fresh trail was discovered which the Confederates followed in direction of William Beverage's where the

Unionists were seen making ready to take a bee gum.

Gay's men seeing it would not be prudent to show themselves lay down in the grass and awaited developments.

The Unionists took the honey and crossed over the crest of the mountain while the Confederates came to the house and found Mrs. Beverage "out of fix" about her bees and she told all she knew as to who and how many there were of the Unionists.

According to the best of her knowledge there were thirty-two or thirty-three men led by Col. Sam Young and Capt. Walter Allen. About this time matters were so interesting that the Confederates forgot all about the breakfast they had been coming for ever since before day light.

Upon leaving her the Confederates took the trail leading down the ravine towards Henry Duncan's. The Confederates were following "at will," strung out along the trail, with C. L. Moore and James Shannon some distance in the lead.

These two suddenly came up with William Kennison in the rear of the Unionists and but a few steps ahead of them. Shannon was for shooting Kennison down in his tracks but Moore objected as the rest of the Confederates were too far back to make it prudent to bring on a fight against such odds as two against thirty-three. Being too close to speak for fear of being overheard Moore pulled Shannon's gun back to keep him from shooting and make him hold off until the others might come up. Soon as all had come up a skirmish line was formed and when the fringe of the woods was reached the Unionists were discovered in the opening, bunched up or moving in single file in close order.

Inadvertently some one of the Confederates fired and the Unionists at once faced about and delivered a volley. To this the Confederates replied and charged with yells and the Unionists dispersed. Part of the Unionists led by Capt. Allen went to the right, made a stand and were firing upon the Confederates, whereupon Capt. Gay instructed Moore to dislodge them and he attempted to do so by moving up in the face of Allen's firing. Some of the others deployed still farther to the right so as to flank.

Moore crossed a fence and discharged his musket, reserving his revolver for close quarters, but the Unionists withdrew, pursued by Moore and his party in the direction of the Duncan home at which they made a stand and passed some words with the Confederates.

The Unionists were heard to exclaim that "one rebel had been busted." This was denied by Moore and after a fierce interchange of shots the Unionists disappeared in the direction of West Union.

This skirmish was a surprise and began about 10 o'clock in the morning and the Unionists that I have talked with give Capt. Allen, Lum Silva and the four or five others who crossed the field and opened fire on the Confederate flank and checked the charge, the credit of enabling the party to get away. While the Confederates were held in check Col. Young attempted to rally behind a large red oak log, but was supported by one soldier John Armstrong, who being soon wounded in the arm, he and the Colonel followed the rest towards the Duncan home thence deployed to the left towards West Union.

The lamented Bernard Sharp was mortally wounded by the opening Confederate volley. James Rogers was wounded in the thigh. Moffatt Wanless received a slight wound in the shoulder and Wm. Gay, my informant, lost his blanket. Clark Dille fired from West Union school house at a Confederate beyond Duncan's barn and he was seen to fall. This is supposed to have been the only Confederate casualty and my information is to the effect that this wounded Confederate was the late Davis Kennison, Esq., near Academy.

As a result of this skirmish Col. Young's detachment became separated. Some were with Capt. Allen, the others were with Col. Young. The party with Allen at once made their escape to Elk by way of the Red Lick pass.

Col. Young's party became bewildered, veered around during the night and found themselves at Andy Taylor's on Laurel Run about two miles from the bloody exciting scenes of the previous day.

With Wm. Gay as pilot the party renewed the attempt at escape and reached the divide between Crooked Fork and Gauley

by the way of Spruce Knob.

Upon gaining this point Col. Young came to the front and took the lead once more. It soon became evident that he was in danger of repeating the maneuvers of the preceding day and had to be closely watched and politely cautioned.

Finally all came out at John B. Hannah's, the old field fork of Elk. This incident touchingly illustrates how strangely people will act in war times.

With very few exceptions the sixty or seventy persons concerned in this affair had been boys together and grew up as neighbors and friends. Capt. J. O. Gay and Maj. Sam Young were young neighbors and relatives and from boyhood had been attached friends. But possessed with the war spirit they felt it a duty to God and their country to spend a lovely October Sabbath day hunting for each others' lives, ever holding themselves in readiness to shoot and kill on sight.

Yet the history of humanity shows beyond a doubt, that nothing great or good has as yet ever been attained in human uplifting and progress, except by bloodshed.

There must be something unspeakably wrong with the human body politic if such be the only antidote that really avails to quiet the terrible delirium that a state of war implies.

W. T. P.

Mrs. Georgia B. Campbell.

It becomes the writer's melancholy duty to make mention of the sad demise of this long known and much esteemed friend, which occurred Saturday evening, August 27, 1904, at Covington, Va., after a long illness and much suffering.

Mrs. Campbell was the second daughter of Capt. Amos R. and Mrs. Frances Ball, late of Monterey, Va.

The place of her birth, was Batesville, Albemarle county, Va., where she was born May 13, 1852.

July 9, 1873, she became the wife of J. Kenny Campbell. At the time of their marriage, he was superintendent of schools of Bath and Highland counties.

Several years of her married life was passed at the University of Virginia, during her husband's term of service as proctor of that University.

Since 1886 her home has been at Covington, Va. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Miss Bruce Campbell. In all the relations of life Mrs. Campbell acted well her part as hundreds of persons will cheerfully testify, and her personal attractions were of a high order and made friends wherever she became known.

Her life's story and her peaceful death and burial recall words like these as being more than ordinarily appropriate in their significance and application.

"There is a calm for those who weep

A rest for weary pilgrims found,
They softly lie, they sweetly sleep
Low in the ground.

"The storm that wrecks the wintry sky
No more disturbs her sweet repose
Than summer evening's latest sigh

That shuts the Rose."

Brown's Creek.

The drought was broken by fine and copious rains.

W. E. Hicks and wife, of Bath county, were visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Curry, near Marlinton last week.

J. H. Lighter and Kent Bird, of Highland, were around buying calves and sheep.

Sheldon Moore is quite sick at this time. Dr. Lockridge is attending him.

J. W. McCarty, who has been confined to his bed with sickness for the last six weeks, is able to set up.

Miss Georgie Lightner, of Valley Centre, Va., is visiting her sister Mrs. Cos Beverage.

J. Fred Beard, of Lewisburg, spent several days in Huntersville among his old friends.

A good many persons of Brown's Mountain attended the District Conference at Arbuckle.

A Wyoming mob lynched a negro at Larome last week. The Northern papers printed the associated press dispatches but refrained from making editorial comments. Some how or other it makes a difference in what part of the country these unfortunate occurrences take place as to whether mob law is justifiable or not.

Chas. E. Norris, once noted for his brilliancy as an editor of city dailies, died the death of a tramp Monday. At one time he and Wm. J. Bryan worked together on the Omaha Herald.

SOME PARALLES ON UNIONS.

Committee's report Greenbrier Presbytery, 1904:

"This Presbytery is in fullest sympathy with true Christian unity. It denies that spiritual unity and outward organic identity are at all essentially synonymous. The former may be even promoted by the latter."

"This Presbytery would insist that even a conference upon that subject is neither expedient nor lawful at this time for the following reasons: * * * Because of the doctrinal unrest of our day. Radical criticism has swept over the isles and continents of the old world. A so-called modernized theology has followed it. At the heart of this revolution is the Bible. Most significantly the assaults upon the Confession and those upon the Bible have been simultaneous."

"The real issue of the time is as to the verbal, the inerrant, the plenary inspiration of the Bible."

"The demands for freedom in radical criticism * * *"

The above are some of the parallels suggested by the report of the committee on "closer relations" with those heretics who form the Northern Presbyterian church. They tend to show that we Southern Presbyterians are consistent and orthodox. We cling to our ideals like the setting hen does to a door knob, doing our duty as we see it.

We were in favor of a union, the war being over. But that being declared impossible if we would retain our religion, the best we can do would be to have the two churches enter into some sort of "Solemn League and Covenant," admitting that the war is over yet each preserving its "organic identity."

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

Pursuant to two decrees of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, entered in the chancery cause of the Worthington Hardware Company vs. M. R. Malcomb and others at the April term, 1903, and at June term, 1903, respectively, the undersigned special commissioner will on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1904,
at the front door of the court house of Pocahontas county, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following described real estate situated in said county:

119 acres of land on Greenbrier River below Clover Lick known as the Malcomb place. Said land forms a desirable farm and has on it a dwelling house. The timber having been previously sold is not included in this sale.

Terms of Sale: Cash in hand sufficient to pay costs of suit and expenses of sale and the residue in two equal installments, six and twelve months from day of sale, respectively, the purchaser giving bonds for deferred installments, bearing interest from date, with good personal security, the title to be retained as ultimate security.

ANDREW PRICE,
Special Commissioner.

J. J. H. Patterson, clerk of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, do hereby certify that the above named special commissioner has given bond as required by said decree.

J. H. PATTERSON,
Clerk.

Special Commissioner's Sale.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, entered in the Chancery Cause of the Town of Cass vs. Grant Halterman et al at the October Term 1903 the undersigned special commissioners will on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1904,

at the front door of the court house of Pocahontas county proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder that certain town lot in the village of Cass in said county, being the lot sold to Grant Halterman and Mrs. W. B. Cross by A. M. Oliver and wife, on which the said Grant Halterman erected a small building.

Terms of Sale: Cash in hand sufficient to pay costs of suit and expenses of sale and for the residue upon a credit of six months with interest from day of sale, the purchaser giving bond with good personal security, title to be

Rev. Mr. Baillie's Letters and Journals 1638, vol. I, p. 66

"This kirk is a free and independent kirk, no less than the unity. It denies that spiritual unity and outward organic identity are at all essentially synonymous. patriots can best judge what is for the good of the kingdom, so our own pastors should be most able to judge what form of worship becometh our Reformation."

The Scotch struggled against episcopacy. "Our maine fears is to have our religion lost, our throats cutted, our poor country made ane English province to be disposed upon forever hereafter at the will of the Bishop of Canterbury."

"Believing ignorance is much better than rash and presumptuous knowledge. Ask not a reason of these things, but rather adore and tremble at the mystery and majesty of them." Bennings Sermons (1661) vol. 1, p. 143.

"The natural understanding, even in search of truth amongst the creatures, is a rash, precipitate and unquiet thing." Ruth-erford's Christ Dying.

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Commissioner's Sale of Land.

H. S. RUCKER,
ANDREW PRICE,
Special Commissioners.

J. J. H. Patterson, clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County do hereby certify that the above named special commissioners have executed bond as required by said decree.

J. H. PATTERSON,
Clerk.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County West Virginia entered in the Chancery cause of George H. Shrader vs. Minnie McCarty et al at the June Term, 1904, the undersigned special commissioners will on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1904,
at the front door of the court house of said Pocahontas county proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following real estate situated in said county, being the fee simple interest, subject to the life estate of Lanty McCarty, which is now owned by said Geo. H. Shrader in 115 acres of land lying on Brown's Mountain. Said land constitutes a desirable farm on which is a dwelling house and other buildings. The land is partly improved and partly in timber.

Terms of Sale: Cash in hand sufficient to pay cost of suit and expenses of sale, and the residue on a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, from day of sale, in equal installments with interest from date of sale, the pur-

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H. S. RUCKER,
L. M. McCLINTIC,
Special Commissioners.

J. J. H. Patterson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county do hereby certify that the above named special commissioners have executed bond as required by said decree.

J. H. PATTERSON,
Clerk.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County West Virginia, entered in the chancery cause of Margaret C. Burner's Administrator vs. Margaret C. Burner's Heirs